[19th September 1947

Increase in grant to pensioners

* 29 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of increase granted to Government pensioners of non-gazetted ranks ;

(*b*) whether the amount is in proportion to the increase granted to those still in service ; and

(*c*) the amount of increase granted to pensioners who retired as gazetted officers?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*c*) As recommended by the Cabinet Salaries Committee, the Government have sanctioned with effect from 1st January 1947 temporary increase to pensioners at the following enhanced rates :—

	Temporary increase per mensem.
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Pensions of less than Rs. 40 per mensem ...	8
Pensions of Rs. 40 and above but not exceeding Rs. 100	9

No separate rates have been prescribed for pensioners who retired as non-gazetted and gazetted officers, but all pensioners drawing pensions within the above limits are eligible for the temporary increase, until further orders.

" (*b*) Pensioners do not stand on the same footing as Government servants on duty and therefore the Government do not admit that the rate of temporary increase of pension sanctioned to pensioners should be proportionate to the increase granted to Government servants on duty."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Do not the Government consider that the pensioners who are in receipt of small amounts are more deserving of increase than the people on active service who are drawing more than they? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The grant of pensions is in consideration of past services. We have given increases for those at present in service ; it is not desirable that we should go on paying higher rates of pensions for those who have retired long ago."

Travelling allowance to peons.

* 30 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to answer to question No. 105 answered on 11th March 1947 and the answer to the supplementary question on the same, will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have since revised the scale of travelling allowances to peons?